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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, SF
SUBJECT: VENDA MAY BE NEXT INDEPENDENT HOMELAND

REF: PRETORIA 5886 (77) AND PREVIOUS

1. ON MARCH 29, ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNTS, CHIEF MINISTER OF VENDA, PATRICK MPHEPHU, INTRODUCED A MOTION IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY CALLING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF INDEPENDENCE. THE MOTION WAS PASSED WITHOUT DISCUSSION. THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, BALDWIN MUDAU, REPORTEDLY WALKED OUT OF THE MEETING IN DISGUST WHEN HE WAS REFUSED AN OPPORTUNITY TO TABLE A MOTION OF NO CONFIDENCE. MPHEPHU TOLD THE ASSEMBLY THAT HE WANTED TO TAKE THE MATTER OF INDEPENDENCE TO PRETORIA ONCE MORE BEFORE DISCUSSING IT FULLY WITH THE OPPOSITION.

2. MPHEPHU FACES ONE OF THE STRONGEST OPPOSITION GROUPS IN ALL OF THE HOMELANDS, AS MUDAU'S PARTY HOLDS 17 OF
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18 ELECTED SEATS. AS IN THE OTHER HOMELANDS, THOUGH, MPHEPHU'S STRENGTH IS ASSURED BY THE SYSTEM OF APPOINTED HEADMEN WHO, IN THIS CASE, HOLD 42 SEATS IN THE 60 SEAT ASSEMBLY.

3. COMMENT: MPHEPHU HELD TALKS WITH PRETORIA ON INDEPENDENCE LAST YEAR (PRETORIA A-151) AND IT APPEARS

HE IS NOW LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR FORMING THE NEXT
NEW STATE. HE DOES, HOWEVER, FACE A VIGOROUS AND
CAPABLE, IF NOT POWERFUL, OPPOSITION, AND IS APPARENTLY
MOVING WITH CAUTION SO THAT MUDAU CAN NOT HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY TO ROUSE ANY SIGNIFICANT SUPPORT FOR
ANTI-INDEPENDENCE. AN EMBOFF HOPES TO VISIT VENDA WITHIN
THE NEXT FEW WEEKS FOR A CLOSER LOOK AT THE PRE-INDEPENDENCE
STATE OF PLAY.
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